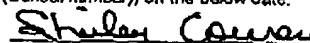


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In response to the Office Action mailed December 18, 2006, Applicant respectfully submits this paper comprising the following parts:

- I. Listing of Claims, beginning on page 2;
- II. Amendments to the Drawings, beginning on page 5;
- III. Amendments to the Abstract, beginning on page 6; and
- IV. Remarks, beginning on page 7.

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